

Exercises set for 825 grads

Approximately 825 graduates will participate in commencement exercises this year. Graduation will take place Sunday, May 7 at 2 p.m. on the Rickenbrode Athletic Field, weather permitting. Should inclement weather occur, Lamkin Gymnasium will house the event.

Joseph, will deliver the 72nd annual spring commencement address.

Senator Wilson is a 1950 NWMSU graduate and has been a member of the Missouri General Assembly since 1968.

Dr. B.D. Owens, president of the University, will confer the degrees and present Distinguished Alumni Awards to two persons who have made major contributions to society in educational and non-educational professions. The recipients will be 18th and 19th such honorees since the tradition was started in 1970.

Three persons will also receive the University's Distinguished Service Award, an honor initiated last November at President Owens' inaugural ceremonies.

The University will also establish a new tradition when fathers of two graduating seniors participate in the commencement ceremony.

Dale J. Boyer, the father of graduating senior Rod Boyer, will deliver the commencement invocations. The benediction will be presented by Donald R. Guthrie, the father of Beth Guthrie.

Donald Michael Tritton, a graduating senior also, will provide commencement music.

Other students involved in the commencement include Charles Walker, and Dan and Duane Jensen, the color bearers for the academic processional and recessional; Charles Reineke, who will lead in the singing of the Alma Mater; and junior marshals Mike Lassiter, Lisa Gates, and Bob Good.

Philip VanVoorst, assistant professor of art, will carry the University mace in the processional.

Presenting the candidates for degrees to President Owens, who will confer the degrees, will be University Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. George English.

Dr. Leon Miller, dean of the graduate school, will place hoods on the shoulders of those persons being graduated with master's degrees.

Dr. Elwyn DeVore, chairman of the Department of Business and Economics, will serve as the grand marshall for commencement. Assistant marshals will be Dr. Frances Shipley, associate professor of home economics; Dr. Burton Richey, professor of men's physical education; and Robert Sunkel, associate professor of art.

Commencement Brunch will take place in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom at 10:30 a.m., May 6. It is held for graduating seniors and grad students.

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Anne Alexander, left, and John Hopper rehearse for the Horace Mann play "The Tortoise and Hare Hit the Road." The play will be presented in the Horace Mann Auditorium at 7 p.m. on May 1. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. Photo by Frank Mercer.

Horace Mann Players present . . .

Ken Wilkie

Aesop's fable about the great race comes to life May 1 as third and fourth level students of Horace Mann present "The Tortoise and Hare Hit the Road."

The play, which begins at 7 p.m. in the Horace Mann Auditorium, is directed by NWMSU students Lucida Bushnell, Roberta Horn and Dale Starnes. "The Tortoise and Hare Hit the Road" is an adaptation of the story which involves a turtle and a rabbit in a race where eventually the tortoise does the impossible by beating the hare.

"We took this version from a book which has modernized versions of the classic fables," said Bushnell.

Cast members of the play are Shawn Wake, narrator; Nileki LeVoi, fox; Heather Petry, bear; John Hopper, chicken; Tanya Loughead, hare; Anne Alexander, lion; Kelly McMahon, dog; Mike Hunter tortoise; and Mike Anderson, bluejay.

The characters have been modeled after some of today's celebrities.

"I'm supposed to be like Muhammed Ali," said Mike. "And Nileki is supposed to be like Elton John. That's why she has those funny looking glasses on."

Costumes for the play are provided by each individual, and the directors help out when they can.

Clarification:

There was some misunderstanding concerning collection of funds for the cancer fund. There was no competition among the organizations as the story was interpreted by some to mean.

"We have to use whatever they can find, and if there is anything we can get them, then we use that too," said Bushnell.

Memorization is probably the most difficult thing for the students. However they seem to have mastered it.

"I have 42 lines, so I go home every night, and my mom helps me with them," said Nileki.

"I had trouble at first, but once I get on stage, it's easy," said Mike.

Controlling nine children has been hectic sometimes for the directors, but they have enjoyed it.

"They're very helpful, but they're so energetic. It's sometimes hard to handle

if you're the only one there and they all are screaming at once," said Bushnell.

Bushnell also added that the children love criticism and want to improve what they are doing by hearing complaints.

"They're so eager to improve, but sometimes there is nothing that can be improved on," said Bushnell.

What has she gained from this experience?

"I'm going into teaching, and I will be able to use a lot of this experience," said Bushnell. "I now know that children are so versatile and this proves it."

Admission to the play is free, and everyone is invited to attend.

University takes credit

Changes have been made concerning the payment of fees.

Master Charge and Visa charge cards are being accepted at cashier windows and the University Bookstore. The charge cards can be used for fees, traffic fines or any purchases at the Bookstore.

Students paying their fees in full before August 1, will receive VIP treatment when arriving on campus in the fall.

VIP treatment includes verification of enrollment being completed without the student standing in lines, receiving assistance picking up textbooks, help moving into the dorm, a \$5 gift certificate from the Bookstore and a \$1 gift certificate from the Den.

"The credit cards are going to be a

service to the students," said Jeanette Solheim, assistant to the director of cashiering. She also said students receiving financial aid wouldn't be eligible for VIP treatment. "They don't receive the aid until after August 1."

In the past fees have been collected during the first week of classes. This will also change. All fees will be paid during verification and general registration, August 24 and 25. If fees aren't paid, students won't be allowed to continue registering.

All financial aid applications should be completed by May 15. Applications and information are available in the Office of Student Financial Aid in the Administration Building.

Campus turns green with ROTC

Gary Plummer

"Left...left...left-right-left! Left...left...left-right-left!"

It might not be such an unfamiliar sound to hear aspiring, young cadets chanting this refrain during an occasional marching drill next fall.

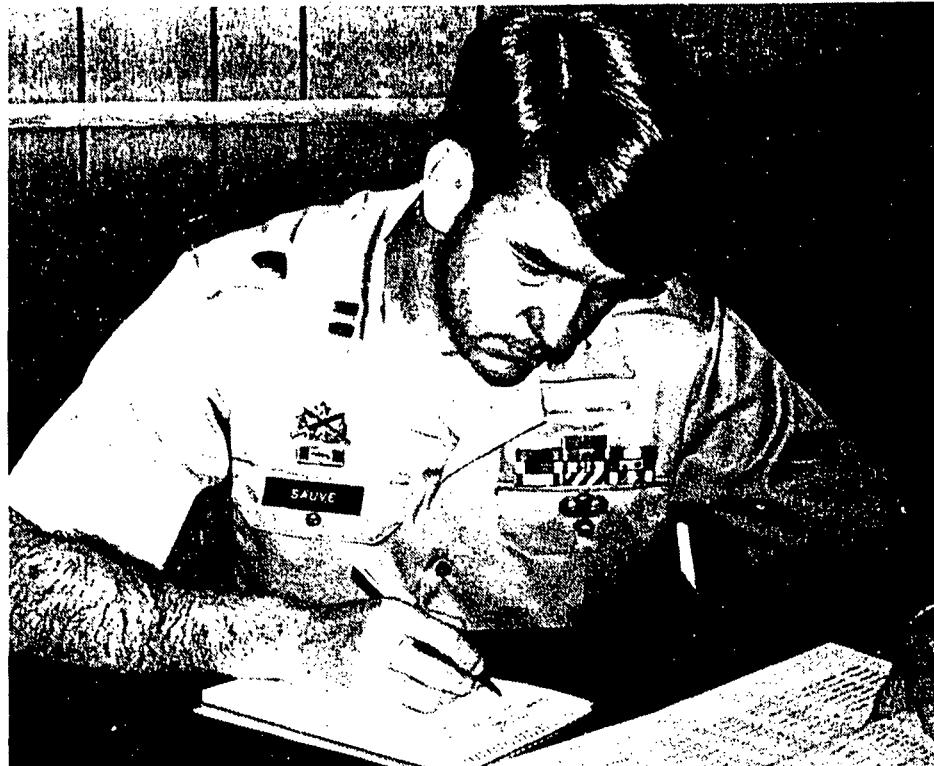
You see, NWMSU has joined the people who've joined the Army.

Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph, the Army and NWMSU have reached a cross-enrollment agreement to provide Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) instruction on campus.

Lt. Col. Franklin Flesher, professor of military science at Missouri Western, will establish the ROTC program here and head the department. Missouri Western's unit will be the parent unit for the program at NWMSU, which has never offered ROTC in its 73-year history.

Capt. Robert Sauve has been transferred from the St. Joseph campus to Maryville to serve as the ROTC executive officer and assistant professor of military science. Presently, Sauve is in the process of setting up office in Colden Hall, room 172.

"The program is just getting on its feet," said Sauve, "but everyone has been cooperating with me greatly. Right now, I'm organizing an introductory campaign to let everyone know the benefits ROTC has to offer."



Capt. Robert Sauve, new assistant professor of military science, prepares a class schedule for next fall's ROTC cadets. Photo by Jay Liebenguth.

Sauve, an ROTC graduate from the University of Arizona, has put in nine years with the Army. For more than seven years, he was stationed in Germany and Vietnam.

The rest of his time has been spent at Missouri Western.

"Here on campus we're trying to teach students how to function as an officer," Sauve explained. "ROTC is geared toward a leader, one who likes to take charge. We'll put them in leadership positions where they can plan and coordinate various activities."

But Sauve emphasized that good

leadership qualities are found in women as well as men. The women are required to go through the same training as the men during college; therefore, there's no discrimination in pay or jobs. Once they earn their commission as an officer, they can enter any field in the Army except armor and infantry.

"Hopefully, we'll have 60-75 men and women involved in the program by next year," speculated Sauve. Since the program received approval from the Board of Regents after pre-registration procedures were initiated, students will not be able to pull cards for ROTC classes until general registration.

"ROTC is basically another opportunity--another prospective field for students at NWMSU," said Sauve. "It doesn't necessarily have to be a career or lifetime thing, but I do think it's an option that should be checked out."

"I'm convinced that if a student has the maturity to get a college degree, he has the maturity to be a leader," he added.

Students interested in receiving \$100 a month for taking ROTC courses, winning scholarships which provide for nearly all college expenses up to four years, or finding an excellent summer job (see related story) should contact Sauve at Colden Hall room 172.

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Camp explores military

Capt. Robert Sauve, assistant professor of military science, recommends that sophomores interested in earning a commission as an Army officer in two years should attend camp this summer at Fort Knox, KY.

The course, which is also offered to juniors with a minimum of four semesters left in college, is good for six hours credit. In addition, the student is paid between \$450-500 for his time.

Students who have questions about Army life can actually experience it during the six-week camp without any obligation. After completion, they have the option of using the camp credits toward the ROTC program at NWMSU.

College students from all over the

country will attend the camp which begins with instruction in military courtesy, discipline and the proper wearing of the Army uniform.

Then the fun begins. Cadets are instructed on weaponry, physical fitness, compass orienteering and leadership. After substantial training, students are required to execute a course which is laded with natural obstacles, rope bridges and booby traps.

Awards are presented to cadets who excell in camp. It also serves as an excellent summer job opportunity that offers students a chance to save money for college. All housing, meals and uniforms are furnished by the Army.

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Literary mag finalized

Duane Thies

Poetry and artwork submitted from all over Missouri and Iowa will be included in the first edition of *Envy's Sting*, a literary magazine staffed by students from the Department of English.

The magazine will hopefully be available for sale April 28 for \$1.50. "We hope it will sell in the bookstore and/or the English department," said Andrea Carter, editor.

The magazine is partially funded by a grant given by the University with the rest of the money coming from subscriptions.

The first edition will be a "broadsides," she said, which means it won't be bound but will be loose pages sold in a muslin envelope. This will give it uniqueness according to Carter.

The magazine is the result of a suggestion of Department of English Chairman Dr. Carroll Fry, who felt a literary magazine was needed since *Blue Head*, edited by Ted Krieger and Steve Haffield last year was no longer in operation. *Envy's Sting*, the name taken from one of John Donne's poems, utilizes the new ideas of its staff, Carter said.

The magazine will not compete with *New Wine*, also produced by the University, since the latter publishes high school poetry and art.

Work began on the edition in February, Carter said. "We gathered together those people who are creative-writing-oriented. We sent letters to every college and university in Missouri and hoped that high school teachers would get wind of it," she said.

Most of the response came from these with three-fourths of the *Envy's Sting* staff submitting works as well. Ted Krieger, a poet published in many magazines and author of a soon-to-be-released book of poetry, will be one of the writers included.

Submissions, accepted from February through March, could have been restricted to students only, Carter said, but the staff knew of only 10 writers on campus so that would have been limited. A great effort was made to publicize it on campus, however there was little response.

"I was disappointed by the campus response," Carter said.

The 25-page magazine includes nothing

from English instructors because of circumstances at the time the magazine was put together, but they all helped she explained.

The magazine was done independently without a faculty adviser, but "Mr. Craig Goad was invaluable because he located the printer and just gave helpful hints all along the way," Carter said.

Next year fiction will also be included. This wasn't possible for this issue because of the broadsides printing and low interest in it.

The staff hopes to have one issue of the magazine published every semester. If this isn't possible because of low sales, plans would be for one issue every spring. This would open submissions from September to February, Carter said.

Students honored

Two NWMSU freshmen have received Certificates of Acknowledgement from the national magazine "Media and Methods: Explorations in Education."

Mary Beth Clayton's essay, "My Father's Hands," and Deborah Perkins' short story "The Viceo Ghetto," appeared in the February 1978 "Special Student Issue" written exclusively by students who looked at their immediate environment—family, friends, interests and mass media.

In citing Clayton and Perkins, "Media and Methods" editor Anthony Prete said, "In an age when everyone seems to be moaning over the lack of writing ability among students, this issue and your contributions to it stand as a signpost that all is not chaos and disappointments. It's important for people to realize that schools are capable of turning out sensitive, articulate young people."

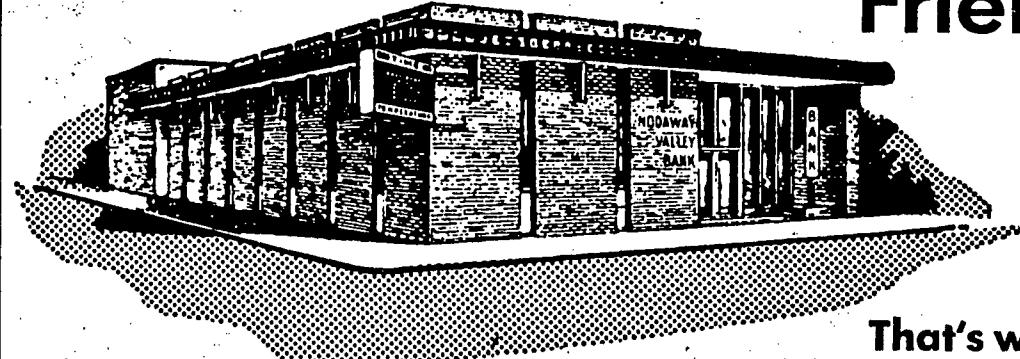
The writings began as required projects last fall in Speech 110: Introduction to Mass Media, taught by Assistant Professor of Speech and Theater Rich Breiner.



Deb Noonan and Bob Chadwick model wedding attire at the Bridal Show sponsored by the Sigma Society Monday Evening. Photo by Jay Liebenguth.

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—Entertainment—



Effects genuinely special in student-directed plays

Carole Patterson

Although the one-acts are not as elaborately produced as most plays this year, they provide a good, strong shot of enthusiastic entertainment this Thursday and Friday in the Little Theatre.

The four student-directed laboratory one-acts under the supervision of directing instructor David Shestak are examples of experiments that work. And work well.

Sets, costumes, lighting and sound is student-created. And the lights and sound are consistent throughout. Consistently excellent, that is.

The Mcnkey's Paw, directed by Jon Kruse, utilizes magical, ringing music reminiscent of **The Exorcist**. This and the dim, special lighting lend well to the supernatural occurrences in the play.

The plot revolves around Mr. and Mrs. White (Rick Morrison and Dale Starnes), a middle-aged British couple who receive an evil monkey's paw from a retired army sergeant (Bryce Craven) who warns them that nothing good has ever come from it. Three wishes prove to the Whites that the paw has power beyond expectation, and special audio effects boost the play to a shuddering finale.

The cast also includes Jody Searcy as Helen and Lisa Wilson as Miss Ward.

Flighty, jazzy sounds introduce the second play. Greg Anderson directs **Sorry, Wrong Number**, whose only visible actor is Susan Grace. As the invalid Mrs. Stevenson, Grace dominates the stage, lying in a white brass bed characteristic of the spindly, feminine set.

Most of the action takes place during the phone conversations between Mrs. Stevenson and various second parties. Lighting effects occur each time a connection is made, when a figure is silhouetted on either side of the stage until the conversation ends.

Mrs. Stevenson, a high strung, "not well" woman, becomes terrified when, alone for the night, she overhears a murder plot and is powerless to prevent it. The tension mounts and Grace's one-woman performance is hauntingly accurate.

Actors on the other end of the line include Mike Bond, Vicky Clay, Diane Dougan, Lezlie Gallagher, Linda Hernandes, Ken Himes, Victor Morales and Karen Tennyson.

Recent top-forty hits open **I Can't Imagine Tomorrow**, directed by Howard Prost. The play revolves around two rather pathetic characters-a neurotic high school teacher (James Sand) who wears an "ice cream suit" and has trouble forming thoughts into sentences; and the sickly, spacey woman (Carla Scovill) who constantly dreams of "dragon country."

It is the quietest of all the plays, the least flashy. Human needs and priorities are dealt with and somehow, together, these two seemingly worthless characters are going to make it. Because without each other, they can't imagine tomorrow.

If somehow during the intermission before the last play you get an insane notion to leave, don't. Not under any circumstances. Because although each one-act is highly meritorious in its own way, **Bad, Bad Jo Jo** will grab you from your seat, hold you, shake you, crush you and leave you gasping.

Directed by Randy Kindred, **Bad, Bad Jo Jo** is sensational. The booming hard rock introduction, perfect for the 1969 setting, includes classics "White Room," "Hair," "Walk on the Wild Side," "Revolution" and "Pusher" as symbolic of main character Kayo Hathaway's introductory nightmarish sleep. Kayo, the wealthy, snobbish, effeminate author of "gory, campy melodramas" about killer Jo Jo and his mother, unknowingly wakes to a real nightmare.

As Kayo, Bob Gately executes the finest performance in the evening of one-acts. He becomes Kayo. You believe he is Kayo. He is an uppity, stereotype Hollywood-son-of-a-bitch, and you hate him. There's no doubt Gately is good.

But not far behind is John Greenwood as Frank, a golly-gee-type magazine reporter who comes to interview Kayo. The magic in Greenwood's performance appears when he makes a startling, complete personality reversal.

Charlie Ragusa, the third actor, has a brief but memorable performance.

The end is astonishing. Special effects and music including the Beatles' "Get Back" and "Helter Skelter" provide exactly the right intensity for this Great, Great one-act.



Lights, camera, action

Four student-directed one-act plays will be presented Thursday and Friday night in the Little Theatre. Left, Bryce Craven and Rick Morrison fancy the power contained in the shriveled little Monkey's Paw. Photo by Frank Mercer. Above, Kayo Hathaway (Bob Gately) discusses his Swiss bank account with his agent in Bad, Bad Jo Jo. Photo by Rod Nelson.



Tower Choir's last concert of the year will be held Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Charles Johnson Theatre. Selections will include compositions from the Renaissance and Classical periods as well as a group of spirituals and popular selections. Soloists for the concert are, left to right, Charles Reineke, Lori Watkins, Corliss Docterman and Mark Mitchell. Frances Mitchell will accompany them on piano. Other soloists include Susan Silvius, David Bennett, Julie Webb and Tammy Jennings. Admission is free. Photo by Frank Mercer.

Senate backs parking plan

Parking debates dominated Student Senate's final meeting Tuesday night. The end result was Senate backing parking restrictions.

A proposal submitted by Junior Senator Mic Jones provided for open parking and a reduction in the price of fines. The proposal Senate approved (put together by Earl Brailey, director of Security, and three senators) called for assigned parking lots and an increase in parking fines.

Criticism of Jones' proposal included elderly staff members walking a long distance from their cars to buildings they teach or work in.

Both Steve Cipolla, freshman senator, and Tom Perry, graduate senator, suggested provisions be made of staff parking.

Brailey attended the meeting commenting on open parking and fines. "Open parking presents one big drawback-pedestrian exposure. There hasn't been a pedestrian hit since I've been here." He failed to mention how many pedestrians accidents there were before that time.

He also said when he first came here, "students complained they couldn't get near their dorm to park. The problem isn't as bad now because of assigned parking."

The only problem exists at the old girls' dorms. More students asked for parking permits than were available spaces. Some have had to park in lots away from the dorms.

The more you open up parking, the more you encourage driving from one area to another," he said.

Brailey would like to see all students with cars registered. This would bring more cars onto campus. "Right now there are 2198 cars registered. There are 2485 parking spaces."

He said 75 percent of the students don't get ticketed. "The remaining 25 percent should pay higher fines. . . I've actually collected eight or ten \$25 fines. In order to get a ticket voided, a student has to buy a permit."

In Brailey's proposal, which will go before the Board of Regents in their May meeting, permits are effective between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Presently they're effective between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Senate voted to amend Brailey's proposal saying permit validity time should remain as it is. The vote was 11 for, four against and two abstaining.

In a roll call vote on whether to accept Brailey's proposals, 13 voted for it, three against and one abstained.

Those voting for restrictive parking were Marty Carter, Brian Crawford, Randy Neal, Roger Scarbrough, Deb Mullen, Juli Shelton, Brady Snyder, Steve Cipolla, Paula Barbieri, Vic Morales, Myra Horner, JeAnn Soren and Darrel Hute.



Lynn Anne Davis applies her makeup in preparation for the Dolphin Swim Show held last week. Photo by Kathy Bovaird.

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Vietnam: bad memory or good money?

Kathy Bovard

Three years ago this coming Monday, South Vietnam fell. April 30, 1975-- and the war-which-wasn't-really-a-war-any-more-for-most-Americans was over.

The war might have ended in a few years many agree, including Steve Ryder, now an NWMSU student. According to Ryder, most students today don't care how it started or how it ended.

But Ryder served in Southeast Asia, and even though he admits he doesn't understand the war, he would serve the country again if the circumstances were the same.

Ryder volunteered for military service in 1972 after taking a test which qualified him of the Army Security Agency. The branch is an intelligence-gathering agency and is not affiliated with the Department of the Army. Ryder said he was out of money at the time and also was attracted by the G.I. Bill educational benefits, so when he qualified for the branch, he went ahead and joined.

Ryder served stateside including a stay in Alaska before being sent overseas.

"We weren't even supposed to be there," said Ryder of his Southeast Asian stint. Because of the nature of his job, he explained, when aircraft were shot down from his area, they were officially listed as "lost." His group was awarded two presidential citations, but they never saw them.

So why did he like serving in a capacity in which he could not even be recognized? "It was exciting," Ryder said.

Three years later he is still not disillusioned about the adventure and spirit of doing many different things during his service career. But as far as his feelings about the war go, he says he is not a militarist.

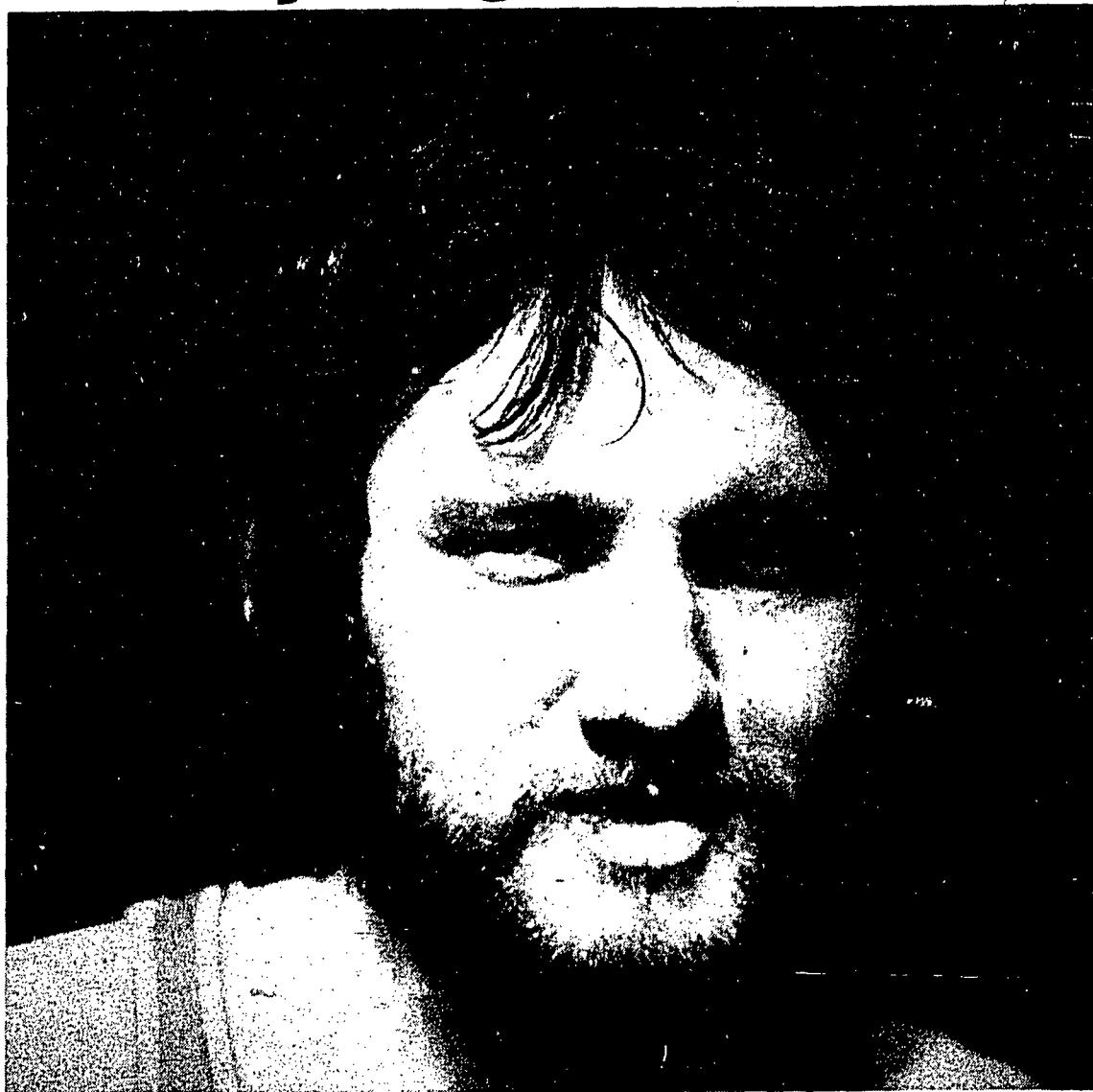
"It could have been over in a matter of a couple of years," said Ryder. "All the masses wanted was land to grow rice on--they didn't care what kind of government they had."

If they didn't care, then what was the conflict all about, many still wonder. "The only good thing about the war was economics," said Ryder. "Originally, there was a bad attitude toward it."

This attitude still remains with some. And now Hollywood is capitalizing on it. Is Hollywood reincarnating a subject which wishes to remain dead? Ryder believes the war is still too recent to tell the truth about it.

"Movies won't portray the conflict enough," Ryder said.

But apparently not everyone believes that.



Steve Ryder, Vietnam veteran, says he would do it over again if the circumstances were the same. Photo by Dave Young.

Hollywood capitalizes on Vietnam

Robert Pore

It has been almost three years, but the wounds that lacerated the American psyche during the Vietnam War will emerge again in the form of books, movies and television programs.

To some, the Vietnam War is a vague, distant memory of film clips on the evening news where over 1,200,000 people lost their lives in a conflict for which reasons they aren't quite sure.

But there remains a morbid fascination about Vietnam--enough fascination for film makers like Francis Ford Coppola to invest fortunes in "high epic adventures" about the war and writers like Michael Herr to produce books about this traumatic affair.

Dispatches

In Joseph Conrad's novel, *Heart of Darkness*, Marlow, the main character of the book, describes his struggle with death. "It takes place in an impalatable grayness, with nothing underfoot, with nothing around, without spectators, without clamour, without glory, without the great desire of victory, without the great fear of defeat, in a sickly atmosphere of tepid skepticism, without much belief in your own right, and still less in that of your adversary."

In Michael Herr's *Dispatches*, Herr captures Marlow's struggle through the American soldier and correspondent in Vietnam.

Herr, a correspondent for *Esquire* magazine in Vietnam, describes a malady officially termed "acute environmental reaction" that inflicted Americans caught in that remote corner of the earth.

Herr tells of an environment where "roads were mined, the trail booby-trapped, satchel charges and grenades blew up jeeps and movie theaters."

Vietnam was also a place, as Herr writes, where "you could be in the protected space in Vietnam and still know that your safety was provisional. . . ."

And the Americans who struggled through the nightmare experience in Vietnam lived in a hallucinatory atmosphere of "spooky terrain" and death, where drugs were prevalent.

It was an atmosphere where "people retreated into positions of hard irony, cynicism, despair, some saw

the action and declared for it, only heavy killing could make them feel so alive. . . . Every time there was combat you had a license to go maniac, everyone snapped over the line at least once there and nobody noticed, they hardly noticed if you forgot to snap back again," Herr writes.

Dispatches is a terrifying book that captures the brutality, horror and traumatic experiences of Vietnam. In an unorthodox way, Herr's book let the reader view, smell, taste, feel and hear the nightmare of the war.

Vietnam goes to Hollywood

Whether or not the American psyche is ready for a barrage of Vietnam movies, Hollywood feels the public is ready to pay to see it on the screen.

Coming to theaters this year are Hollywood's biggest stars--Jane Fonda, Marlon Brando, Robert DeNiro, Al Pacino and Nick Nolte--in movies about Vietnam and its after-effects.

Some of the Vietnam movies already out are *Heroes*, *The Boys in Company C* and *Rolling Thunder*.

And there are still many more to come. Some of the films that will appear later this year are:

--*Apocalypse Now*, Francis Coppola (of *Godfather* fame) with a \$25.5 million "high epic adventure" based on Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*, starring Marlon Brando, Robert Duvall and Martin Sheen;

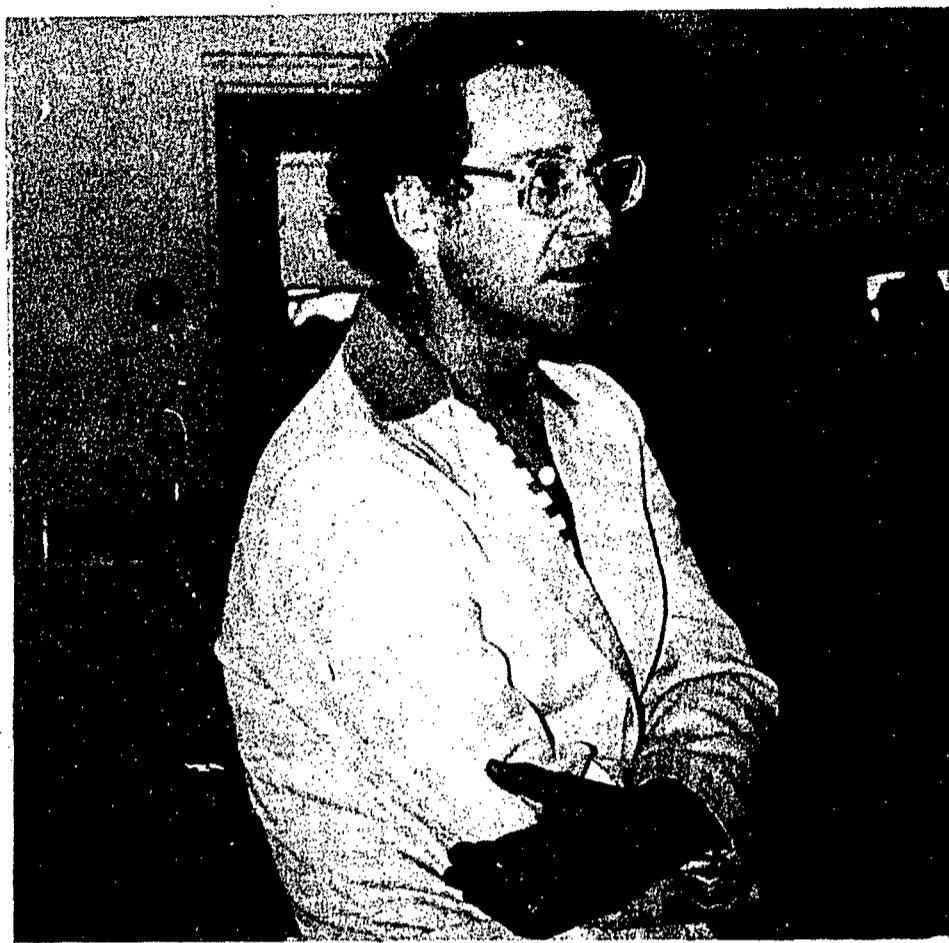
--*Coming Home*, starring Jane Fonda, Jon Voight and Bruce Dern;

--*The Deer Hunter*, starring Robert DeNiro;

--*Dog Soldiers*, a contemporary version of *The Treasure of the Sierra Madre* starring Nick Nolte; and

--*Born on the Fourth of July*, based on Ron Kovic's book of the same name, starring Al Pacino.

Though Vietnam was a highly unprofitable venture for America, Hollywood senses dollar signs around it now. Vietnam and the sixties have become an almost forgotten chapter in American annals and the time is ripe for its exploitation. Past heroes and villains like Ron Kovic are not spit upon anymore. Jane Fonda is not called Hanoi Jane. And Nyuyen Cao Ky runs a liquor business in California. If anybody can package and sell Vietnam, Hollywood can.



Dr. Donald Baer, a Behavioral Psychologist and recent guest speaker of the Psychology Department lectures on the topic of "Self-Control." Photo by Jay Liebenguth.

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Located at 304 N.Main, Nodaway Valley Bank provides checking account services for students with a service charge on balances under \$300. Checks cost \$2.90 for 200 checks.

Also offering automobile financing, this bank participates in the government student loan program. For United States citizens only, this government loan is not repaid until the student graduates or quits school. Open hours are 9-3 Monday-Thursday and 9-6 Friday.

Citizens State Bank, 402 N.Main, offers free checking accounts (although this will probably change in the near future) and 5 percent "day-in, day-out" interest on savings accounts. Also offering government student loans, this bank is open 9-3 Monday-Thursday and 9-5:30 Friday.

Cameron Savings and Loan Association, 115 E. 4th, provides saving account services with a 5½ percent "date-of-deposit-to-date-of-withdrawal" interest rate. Open from 9-4 Monday-Friday, they also

give home loans with a non-variable interest rate of nine percent.

A "day-in, day-out" interest rate of five and one-half percent also accompanies savings accounts at Farm and Home Savings Association, 120 S. Main. In addition, with a minimum \$1000 balance, they pay from six and one-half percent year to 7½ interest for six years on savings certificates.

With the use of a computerized system, transactions can be done at any of their 48 branches. This means that deposits made at a Kansas City or St. Joseph branch can be withdrawn at the Maryville-located Farm and Home.

Providing home loans with varying interest rates, they also have a community room available for student organizational meetings. Open hours are 8:30-4:30 Monday-Friday.

Drive-in banking is offered by Citizens State Motor Bank (8-5:30 Monday-Friday and 8-12 Saturday) and Nodaway Valley Motor Bank (regular bank's hours plus 9-12 Saturday).

Faculty salaries compare low

Dr. Gary Davis, associate professor of history, humanities and philosophy, attended the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) conference April 8.

A luncheon was followed by discussions on the subjects of general social benefits to the state of Missouri which would result from improvement of faculty salaries and various sources of extra revenue needed to underwrite such improvement under the AAUP's plan 82.

Plan 82 is a five-year plan to increase faculty salaries to make faculty compensation in Missouri comparable to levels in surrounding states. It is derived from the State Coordinating Boards Master Plan Three.

Dr. Mona Dingle, University of Missouri, Columbia, formerly a member of the Federal Reserve Board discussed "Lagging Faculty Incomes-A Cause For Concern." In it Dr.

"In comparison to Kansas, Iowa and Illinois, there is a large difference in faculty salaries," said Dr. Davis explaining Missouri's plight. "The difference for full professors is \$4,539; associate professors, \$2,042; assistant professors, \$1,547 and instructors, \$1,127.

"It's hard to keep our professors in state with better salaries elsewhere." Reflecting upon the future Davis said, "We'll have teachers, but they won't be good."

Other problems that result from low salaries is that teachers look for a second job to survive which takes away from their teaching profession. Teachers also get involved in national organizations rather than school activities so they can make a name for themselves and get hired elsewhere. "Some people just get out of teaching," he said.

"We can't run the system on idealism."

"The state funds the schools, but it is the school presidents that make the final money decisions," said Davis. "Because of the rising fuel costs, money that would have gone to teachers goes to oil. In all fairness to the presidents, they have no control over oil prices, and it's a bill they must pay."

Dr. Donald Phares, University of Missouri at St. Louis, spoke next in a discussion entitled State Support For Public Schools: Missouri and Surrounding States Compared.

"People in the state say they're poor. On a national scale Missouri ranks 48th in revenue effort," said Dr. Davis. Revenue effort refers to the extent to which a state is using its available resources to the support of its public goods and resources. "We think we should get into position number 25."

"We could raise an additional \$670 million according to our studies. Underutilized revenue is found in corporate income tax, death and gift taxes, alcohol licenses, and general property taxes to name a few. Ironically, the common consumer is overtaxed in public utilities, tobacco, motor vehicle licenses, and other items that one comes in contact with every day. The state of Missouri does have the money, but they're sitting on it instead of building up the state," Davis said.

"The AAUP is a high-minded, idealistic organization contrary to some beliefs that it is just out to get money. We're at the point where we feel we're losing the quality in programs that we worked so hard for," he said.



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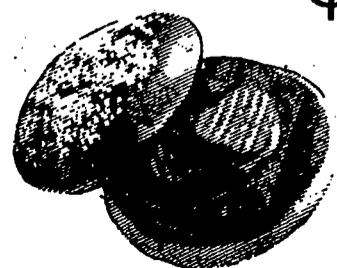
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J.J. Maloney, a reporter for the Kansas City Star, talks with journalism students April 19. He spent 13 years in prison for first-degree murder. He's been nominated for six Pulitzers; two of those coming this year. Photo by Frank Mercer.

Criminal becomes writer

Suzanne Cruzen

I dreamt that after 20 years

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J.J. Maloney's dream came true seven years early.

When he left the prison cell in 1972 after serving 13 years of four life sentences for first-degree murder, he became a reporter for the Kansas City Star. Now he believes he's "the most trusted reporter on the Star." Maloney was on campus last week speaking to journalism classes.

According to Maloney, who was on parole until last September, his background doesn't have any effect on his credibility as a reporter. "My track record is what counts," he said.

And he has an impressive one. Nominated for six Pulitzers, he has investigated Missouri prisons, reform schools and mental hospitals. Two Pulitzer nominations came this year for his local reporting on River Quay and national reporting on labor racketeering.

His 20 River Quay articles are the "best local coverage the Star has had in 20 years," he said. "But then we had the total cooperation of the Mafia. About the time our editors wanted to stop running it, they would kill somebody."

His sources often talked "off the record." For these unnamed sources, he would let one editor know who he was talking with. "You can't pick a cowardly editor. You have to pick one that will go to jail with you."

Jail: He'd been there once, and the boredom of it was what had gotten him started in writing. While in solitary, he began writing poetry. "Your couldn't get enough paper to write prose," he said. He worked for eight years on *Beyond the Wall*, his prison experiences in poetry.

Boredom also led him to the jail library where he read over 10,000 books in nine years. "I would force myself to read things I didn't want to read," Maloney said.

It was this reading and reflecting that lead him from crime to journalism. In 1967, he became a book reviewer for the Star.

"For me, journalism is way of life," he said. "For some people it's a job, but then they're not worth a damn either."

His way of life didn't come from a college degree. With only 12 hours of college credit, he believes "a journalism degree doesn't make a journalist."

Maloney ought to know. He's a man who spends his day off working or speaking to groups. He's a man who believes that everywhere he goes there's a potential story and to get that story "you can be ruthless, as long as you're fair."

He's a man who believes money and a family aren't his things. Married to a parole officer, Maloney said, "A family would curtail my profession."

Journalism is what he values now, but he's not sure how long it will remain that way.

"I stay at the Star because I'm unsure what I want to do," Maloney said. He's applied for city editor, but even if he gets it, he may not stay longer than two years. "I don't think too far ahead," he said.

Not thinking too far ahead has taken him from the jail to the Star and kept him in journalism.

His reward?

Breiner runs marathon

Kevin Vail

A sea of humans best describes the Boston Marathon, as over 5,000 runners took to its 26-mile, 385-yard course this year. In the pack was Rich Breiner, assistant professor of speech and mass media, who was running it for his fourth consecutive year.

"This was the largest crowd ever to run the Marathon this year," said a weary Breiner still recuperating from the race and jet lag. "It was a perfect day for the race as it was overcast with a temperature in the 50's. This doesn't sound like great weather, but to the marathoner it's ideal."

"The start of the race was so crowded that you had to go out there a half hour ahead of time which made it almost impossible to warm up," Breiner said.

Breiner ran with a friend and was on a personal time record pace after 20 miles. It was at this point his legs tightened up, making every step from then on agonizing.

"I made a tactical error in using a new pair of shoes and not bringing an extra pair. The new pair had almost no cushion at the sole, which made the impact of my steps go directly to my legs. I'm not trying to make excuses, because I know I was in shape and the shoes are the only thing I can attribute the muscle tightening to," he said.

Despite his own misfortune, the overflowing and spirited crowd still made this Marathon a memorable one for Breiner. "The crowd is really behind us. Not only are they vocal support, but they give the runners oranges, sponges, Gatorade and water during the race."

"I often saw in the past that when someone from the crowd gave something to the runner the crowd would clap. This is

called a connection. The crowd is not cheering for the runner, but for the spectator who managed to squeeze through the crowd and make himself a part of the marathon," Breiner said.

**The Boston Marathon
was memorable for
Rich Breiner.**

"Tradition is another factor that makes the Boston Marathon so famous. This year was the 82nd running. The people, places and sights along the course all make the race what it is. It is an international affair that attracts people of all countries. I once rode a bus to the starting point that had four Germans on it, three of which I beat," Breiner said.

"I'm very sore but glad I finished," said Breiner. "It takes so much out of you that it is not even measurable. It's a challenge and a struggle that brings a feeling of self reliance upon finishing. Finishing the race is something that can not be bought."

"Not everybody can play in the Super Bowl or World Series, but anyone can run the Boston Marathon. I'll run again next year," beams Breiner, forgetting his soreness for the moment. "It was not the greatest day for me, but it was exciting to see my old friends and be in a parade. You can sit on the corner and watch, but I'd rather be in the parade."

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Scholars chosen

Eleven students have been selected as 1978-79 recipients of \$500 scholarships granted through the University's Educational Foundation, Inc.

Nine will receive the Marshall E. and Beatrix Winn Ford Memorial Scholarships, and two are recipients of the W.M.C. Dawson Scholarships.

Recipients of the \$500 Ford Scholarships are Kathy Adkins, Larry Bunse, Betty Feldman, Kathy Fountain, Stephen Holle, Kenneth Himes, Ward Smith, Chris Tornquist and Jill Watrous.

Recipients of the \$500 W.M.C. Dawson Scholarships are Myra Horner and Gerald W. Wilmes.

Criteria established for the scholarships, which are not automatically renewable, includes being at least a sophomore at the time the scholarships are first used, having a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25 on the 4.0 scale, and at least one semester of attendance at NWMSU.

The scholarship committee evaluated applicants for both scholarships granted this year for the second time, on the basis of academic performance, activities, letters of recommendation, character and personal interviews.



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"Mike VanGuilder's Almost Anything Goes Team," pictured above, were the winners of the Almost Anything Goes activities held in conjunction with Joe Toker Daze. They are shown in the nine-legged race. They won \$100 for their first-place finish. Photo by Laura Widmer. At left, Bob Walkenhorst on the right and Bill Jansma perform before a Sunday, Joe Toker Daze crowd by the Bell Tower. Photo by Dave Young.

Afrikan tourism group formed

Organization has begun for a new group on campus, the Afrikan Kultural Enlightenment and Tourism association (AKET). Their first meeting was held April 25. Election of officers was held, and the constitution was approved.

The purpose of the association is defined in the constitution. It is to "provide a setting for a new awareness to the cultural tradition of Afrika on the campus of NWMSU and the community."

The goals of AKET include promoting fellowship, communication and human understanding through various activities between African and American students and cultivating tourism between the African and American continents.

The organization intends to engage in various fund raising activities in order to raise money for the expressed purpose of financing tours for students to various African countries.

The officers elected were Cosmos Okafor, director; Ben Birchfield, coordinator of stage performances; Ken Reiner, coordinator of fund raising activities; Charles Smith, coordinator of administrative services; LaTonya Gridine, secretary; Rosalina Agwu, financial secretary; Sherrie Christian, publicity secretary.

The constitution will be sent to Student Senate for approval before the association is considered an official campus organization.

Persons interested in obtaining further information concerning the organization should contact Cosmos Okafor.

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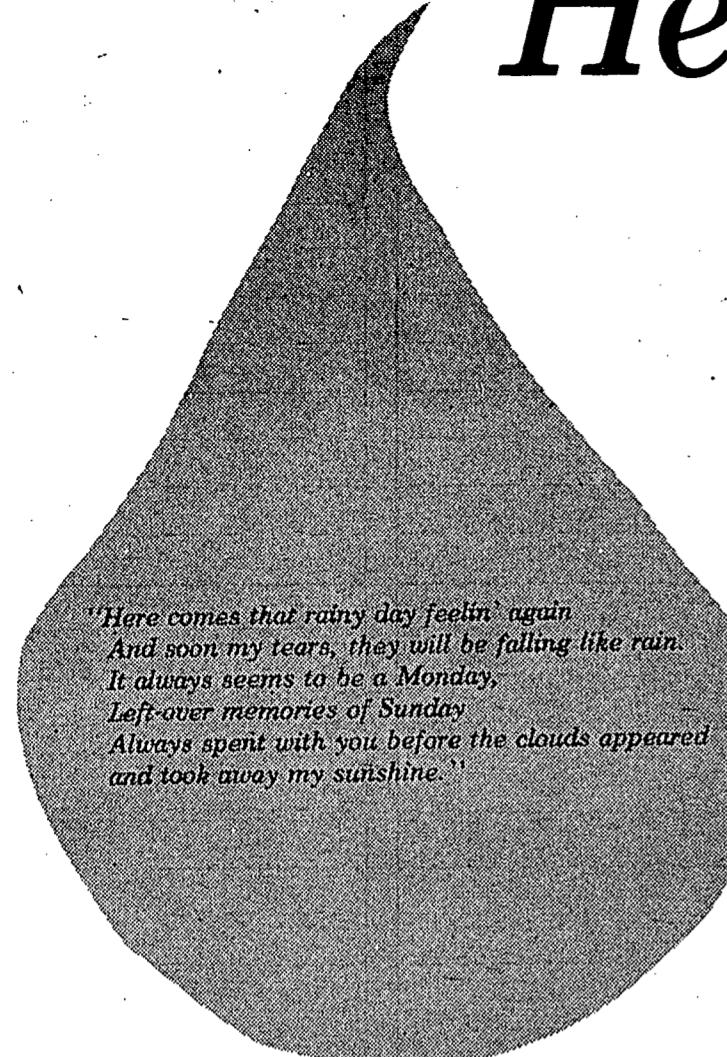
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Spring planting. . . 'We've only just begun'

Sunshine. Warm and mellow. It peeks through the clouds, but grows discouraged. Slowly it melts into a darkening sky and the rain begins to fall--again.

April has seen few days without rain from the Maryville skies. It has trickled down like teardrops on the unplanted fields.

Already wet from winter snows, the fields are slow to absorb these April showers. Most spring planting will miss April, putting Nodaway County farmers three weeks behind according to Wayne Colborn, Nodaway County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS).

'It's gonna rain outside. I can tell by the clouds in the sky.'

"On the average, not being able to plant early will hurt the yield," he said. But the amount of the fall harvest will depend on the summer weather and when it stops raining for the planting.

So, in the meantime they wait. But they're not alone.

"The rain has practically shut the fertilizer business down," said Jim Hayes, COOP. Thirty days behind, COOP was "practically done last year at this time but nothing has been done this year," he said.

While the smaller-scale farmer, the gardener, waits for the end of the April showers, he cultivates indoors. According to Plant House Manager Rego Jones, "The rain has decreased the garden sales and increased the house plant sales."

Those who were eager to plant and took advantage of those few warm days in early April may be sorry their seeds aren't still in the package. According to Alfred Steele, manager of the Earl May Garden Center,

"Rainy days and Mondays always get me down."

the rain may have decayed the seeds, making it necessary for gardeners to replant.

Replant? Last year at this time early-planted vegetables were on the table according to Steele. However, it's still not too late for gardeners to plant these vegetables.

"With the sun and a little wind, gardens should be ready for planting within a week to 10 days," said Jones.

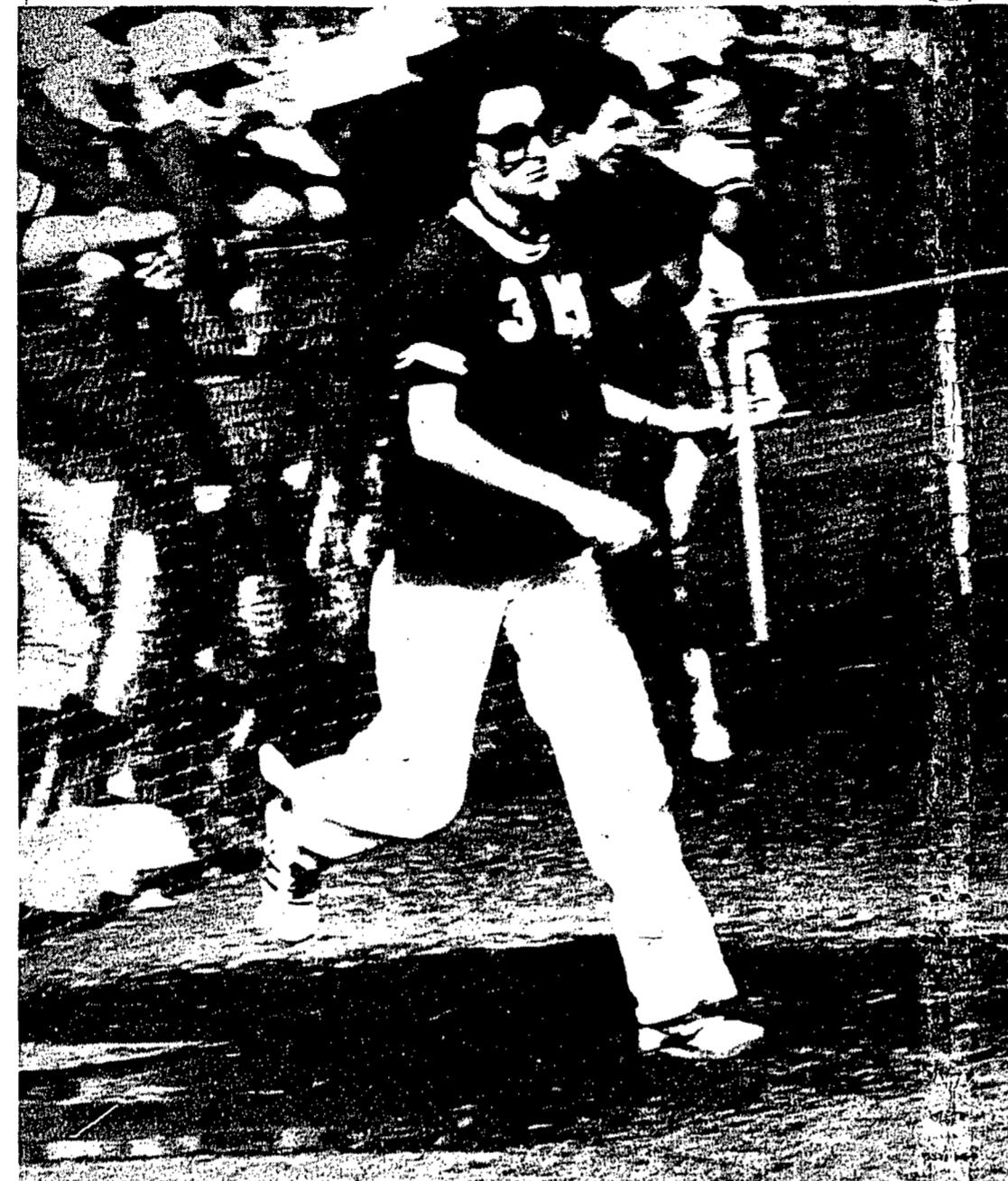
But are the spring showers over?

"Raindrops keep fallin' on my head..."

"It appears our rain will be heavier than normal for late April and early May," forecasts Meteorologist Sid Barnard (Missouri Ruralist, April 22, 1978).

"There are indications of rain falling somewhere in Missouri on nearly every day of the next three weeks."

Spring planting--it's only just begun. But so, perhaps, has the rain.



Highs and lows of those rainy days

You awaken to a gentle patter on your window. Arising from your bed you look out in the murky grayness to see rain falling gently and steadily.

Do you respond with "Yuk, what a gloomy day," and feel depressed, or do you enjoy the wet weather nature has brought upon you?

If you had been planning a picnic or baseball game, of course you would not appreciate the rain. But if you had nothing in particular planned the rain might offer some interesting opportunities.

"Raindrops on roses, whiskers on kittens... These are a few of my favorite things."

Many people find rain very relaxing and poetic. A light patterning rain seems to hypnotize and stimulate the mind into a carefree and flowing state. Sleeping seems to be a favorite rainy-day activity, but is it because of the relaxing effect or that people don't want to get out and get muddy and wet?

Baking, cooking and cleaning are popular rainy-day activities for housewives. A warm house filled with aroma of freshly baked bread is a symbol of American life. Reading, sewing and indoor hobbies receive attention on rainy days. The rain seems to make time for hobbies and other special pleasures.

Some favorable attitudes toward rain and rainy activities were revealed in answer to the question, "What are your rainy day feelings?"

"Listen to the rhythm of the falling rain, telling me what a fool I've been."

Mary Kay McDermott--"I love rain, it gives me a feeling of self-fulfillment. It's my day to think."

Andy Espay--"I like rainy days about once out of every three weeks."

Lorinda Hackett--"I like to ride horses and water ski on a rainy day because I like to get wet."

From a negative outlook, rain seems to represent gloom, despair, the crying of the skies. Raindrops often represent teardrops in music and literature.

Director of the Counseling Center David Sundberg, revealed some possibilities why rain can have a negative effect on people's lives. "It does seem weather brings about change in people's moods, it could be due to the barometric pressure," he said. "When rain continues, the person feels helpless that he can't change the weather and is miserable. Being confined to his room, he's reminded of the work he has to do and feels isolated."

Negative responses to rain were given by some people. Kirby Dougan--"I hate rain because I can't work."

Dana Jones--"It makes everything all soggy and muddy and the worms invade the sidewalks."

Mrs. Dorothy Quier--"I hate rain when we have too much, and we've had too much."

It seems the attitude towards rain depends on your personality, if you are the athletic-and-outdoor type, rain conflicts with your pleasures, but if you are the type to read and enjoy the confinement, rainy days are an opportunity you enjoy.

Whatever type person you are, there seems only one thing to do: accept the rain and try to get joy out of every day of life.



Above and Clockwise: Trees mirrored in spring puddles. These two are "doing it" in the mud. But girl jumps puddle as the sun shines on the April 25 Bearcat baseball game.

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Fry plays 'Little ol' wine maker me'

John Jackson

Some people with spare time pick up hobbies. Everyone is familiar with joggers, hikers and tennis buffs. But Dr. Carroll Fry, chairman of the Department of English, has a hobby which is not as common. Dr. Fry is a wine maker.

While being a wine maker is not all that much of a deal, being a beer maker is. It seems that that beer making in a person's home is against the law.

"It's one of those things everyone does that's illegal," said Fry.

According to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, beer making is illegal unless the person has a brewer's or distiller's permit. Breaking the law carries the possibility of being charged with civil and criminal violations. While it is relatively simple to acquire a wine making permit, the beer making permit is a different story.

An unidentified agent for the agency said, "Limitations are so stringent in the area of sanitation and business provinces, that they pretty much exclude beer making in your own premises."

But even with these restrictions and hazards, Dr. Fry continues to practice the art. What is it that's so special to Dr. Fry about wine making?

"Making beer or wine is like you're playing God. You create a perfect environment, and into this perfect environment, you add yeast," he said.

According to Dr. Fry the amount of yeast



Dr. Carroll Fry, chairman of the Department of English, prunes grapevines for his hobby of wine making. Dr. Fry feels the art helps him to be creative. Photo by Dave Young.

added depends on what type of wine is desired. But even more important is the sugar content in the wine mix. Yeast, when added to the mix, feeds off the sugar and excretes two by-products.

One by-product is carbon dioxide, and the other is alcohol. So consequently the alcohol level can be controlled by measuring the sugar content of the mixture.

Blue Key initiates new members

Seven new members were recently initiated into Blue Key honorary fraternity. They are Steve Cipolla, Mark Bergerson, Ben Westman, Craig Gaugh, Ted Goudge, Robert Chadwick and Greg Hatten.

Blue Key's purpose is to recognize those who have been active in campus activities and members of the organization are chosen for leadership ability and potential said Dr. Virgil Albertini, professor of English and Blue Key adviser.

baseball to start a game? William Howard Taft.

Of Beatles' fame, who was the Walrus? Paul McCartney.

What were the real names of the Skipper and the Professor? Capt. Jonas Grumby and Prof. Roy Hinkley.

Who won more Academy Awards, Henry Fonda or Edgar G. Robinson? Neither have ever won an Oscar. (tricked ya!)

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Bearfacts

Cardinal Key National Honor Sorority has chosen Mike Fallis as leader of the month. His leadership was shown as coordinator of IRC's Almost Anything Goes which took place Joe Toker Daze weekend. Mike is a senior majoring in accounting.

The 1978 Tower will be available to all students, faculty members and administrators May 1 and 2 from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and May 3-5 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Maple room of the Student Union. University identification is required.

Wells Library will observe regular library hours May 2-4. It will be open May 5 from 8 a.m.-10 p.m., and regular hours are again scheduled for May 6-8. May 9 will find 8 a.m.-10 p.m. hours, and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. hours will be observed weekdays starting May 10 and running to June 4 with the Library being closed on Saturdays and Sundays as well as on May 29, Memorial Day.

On June 5, the hours will be 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and regular summer hours begin June 6.

Dr. Sharon Browning, professor of business and economics, will conduct a merchandising seminar for small business in Plattsburg May 10.

The seminar, sponsored by the Plattsburg Chamber of Commerce, will center on activities that can benefit the small business. She will discuss such procedures as advertising, promotion and employee attitude training.

There will be a Society for Collegiate Journalists meeting April 27 at 5 p.m. in McCracken Hall. Election of officers will be held and pins will be given. All journalism students eligible for membership are welcome.

Missourian Photo Contest entries must be picked up at McCracken Hall by May 3. After that we will not be responsible for them unless arrangements are made.

There will be a meeting April 27 at 3 p.m. in the Hawthorne Room of the Union for students who want to volunteer to circulate petitions for the Right to Work Law in Missouri. All students who are Missouri residents are encouraged to attend.

IRC has chosen its administrative staff for next semester. They are Larry Bunse, president; Teresa Nook, first vice president; Chuck Ramold, second vice president; Jeff Cook, corresponding secretary; and Chuck Flink, treasurer.

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Dawn Tarpley, whose project is presently displayed near Corden Hall, joins several other advanced sculpture students who are exhibiting their creations all over campus. Photo by Frank Mercer.

Finals Schedule

Final examinations begin at 1:00 p.m., May 3 and end at 9:00 p.m. May 9, 1978.

Classes meeting for the first time in the week: Date and hour of final examination:

4:00 Monday.....	Wednesday, May 3, 1:00 p.m.
9:00 Monday.....	3:30 p.m.
Eng. 220 and Sp. 220.....	7:00 p.m.
10:00 Tuesday.....	Thursday, May 4, 7:30 a.m.
2:00 Tuesday.....	10:00 a.m.
10:00 Monday.....	1:00 p.m.
1:00 Tuesday.....	3:30 p.m.
Biol. 102.....	7:00 p.m.
12:00 Monday.....	Friday, May 5, 7:30 a.m.
Pol. Sci. 102.....	10:00 a.m.
4:00 Tuesday.....	1:00 p.m.
8:00 Monday.....	3:30 p.m.
P.E. 250.....	7:00 p.m.
Hist. 151.....	Saturday, May 6, 8:00 a.m.
8:00 Tuesday.....	10:30 a.m.
1:00 Monday.....	1:00 p.m.
Chem. 113.....	Monday, May 8, 7:30 a.m.
9:00 Tuesday.....	10:00 a.m.
11:00 Monday.....	1:00 p.m.
11:00 Tuesday.....	3:30 p.m.
Sp. 102.....	7:00 p.m.
12:00 Tuesday.....	Tuesday, May 9, 7:30 a.m.
2:00 Monday.....	10:00 a.m.
3:00 Monday.....	1:00 p.m.
3:00 Tuesday.....	3:30 p.m.

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Teaching requirement to be raised

Dr. Roger Epley, professor of secondary education, disagrees with a proposed increase in Missouri teacher education grade point average (GPA) requirements. He feels it wasn't based on research, but he doesn't believe it will have a tremendous effect on the local level.

The proposal would raise the requirements from the present 2.1 GPA to 2.5 by 1985, the highest in the United States. Missouri Commissioner of Education Arthur Mallory even proposed a 3.0 GPA requirement for teachers to graduate, but members of the Education Conference decided on a .4 raise to 2.5.

10-meal plan will change

Rather than increase prices on food contracts, students who purchase a ten-meal plan next year will not be allowed to use their meal plan on weekends.

Students will be allowed to buy weekend meals at the same price as they are this year.

In a statement released by Bob Smith this change was agreed upon by SAGA and the University in an attempt to refrain from increasing the charges to the students.

"It was basically economic reasons. We decided to do this rather than raising the prices for next year," said Marvin Silliman, an administrator who worked on the plan.

Other administrators who worked on the contracts were President Dr. B. D. Owens, Dr. John Mees and Don Henry. They worked in cooperation with SAGA.

Food committee members were consulted and asked for their suggestions according to Smith.

The new policy is really a trip back to the past, as this year was the only year in which a ten-meal plan could be used on weekends.

"I think the student has every option open to them. I think they are really getting a good deal," Smith said.

Will some students be unhappy with the new contract?

"There will always be some exceptions. It's really impossible to satisfy everyone under a meal contract," Silliman said.

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Dr. Epley feels the decision lacked solid evidence and testing. Some people with high grade point averages lack patience with lower achievers, but a low grade point won't work either, he believes. No one knows the magic number. Having the highest GPA requirement in the nation doesn't make Missouri best, he feels.

The University hasn't dealt with the policy yet, Dr. Epley said. The graduate

needs a 2.5 GPA or to have graduated from a school with the North Central Association of Teacher's Education (NCATE) accreditation. NWMSU has had accreditation with NCATE for 10 years. With the accreditation endorsement and its power to grant certificates, the University is in control.

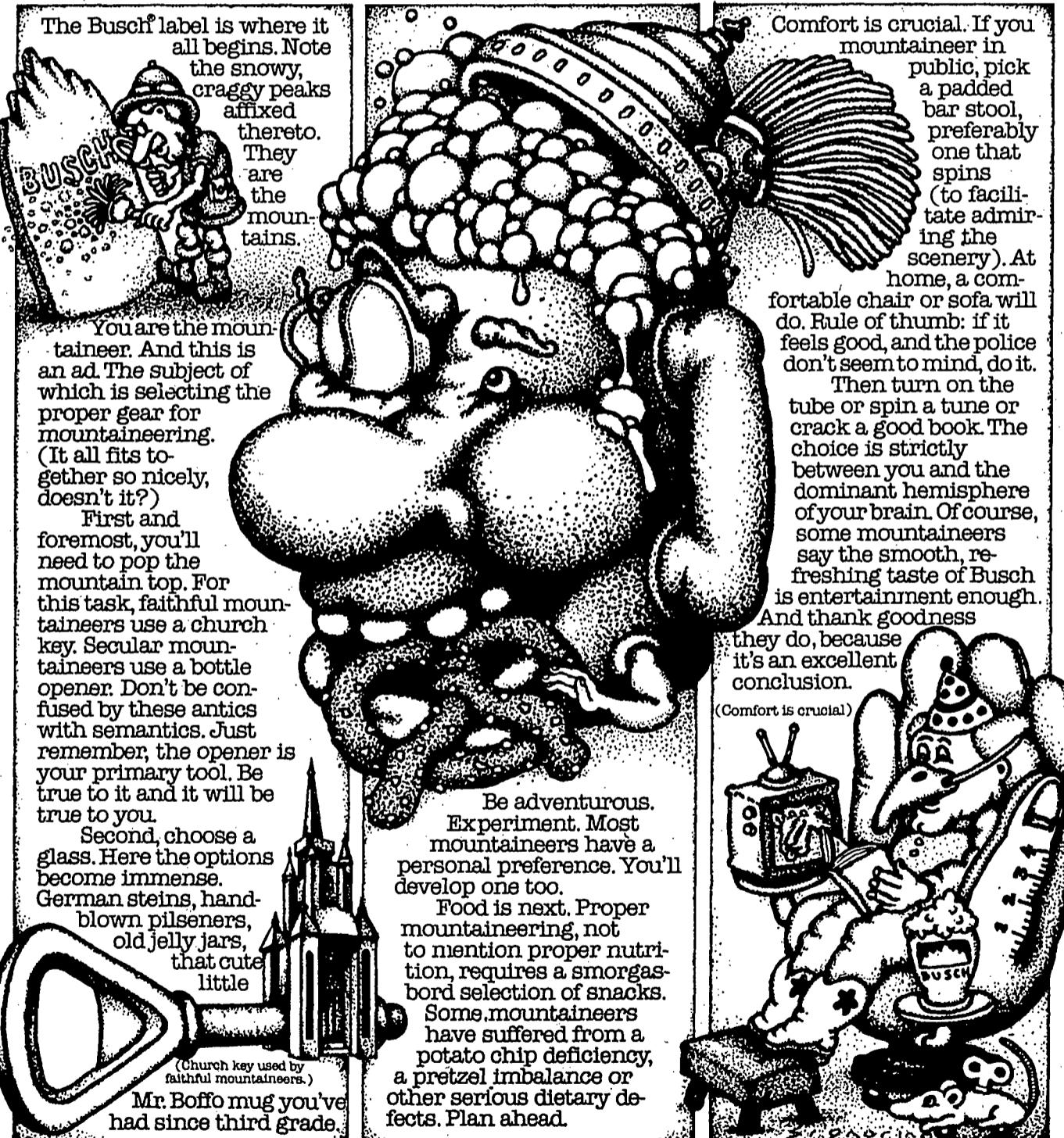
Dr. Epley feels it is likely that the 2.5 GPA will be accepted where 3.0 would

have made the faculty more stubborn, he said. The Council on Teacher Education must decide. Also to be decided is how far under the 2.5 standard a student can still be admitted.

Some schools feel this will lower the number of graduating teachers, but Dr. Epley feels it will have little effect. "They will meet the challenge when they know what the challenge is," he said.

Mountaineering #2.

SELECTING THE PROPER GEAR



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History scholarships awarded

Eleven students have been honored by the Department of History/Humanities/Philosophy.

Chairman Dr. John Harr announced the awarding of seven scholarships for the 1978-79 academic year and the Edward P. Morgan Medallion Awards to two students.

Named to received the Clarence Henderson Scholarships were Deborah Fausett for the fall semester and Tracey Creech for the spring semester. Charlotte J. Phillips was named as alternate.

The scholarship was established by the department in cooperation with Henderson's widow and utilizing contributions from many friends. Selection of the recipients was based upon superiority as a history major at the upper class level.

Four persons were named as recipients of the Noel Swaney Scholarship. They were Michele Alexander and Rosanne

Sonnenmoser for the fall semester and Lisa Scott and Robert Leachman during the 1979 spring semester. The recipients must be at least a junior and have at least a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. Phillips was selected as the alternate for the scholarship.

Greg Hatten was chosen to receive the Saville Scholarship which goes annually to a social science major on the basis of academic standing and interest in state and local history.

Scott and Jeffrey Davison were named the 1978 recipients of the Edward P. Morgan Medallion Awards. The award is made possible by a grant from Morgan, an alumnus and prominent attorney in Washington, D.C. The award is based upon superior academic record, demonstrated knowledge, performance and appreciation of American institutions and heritage.



Students participate in the Almost Anything Goes contest held April 23. Pictured above is the Chicken Contest where students Carol Negaard and Kenny Himes tried to break eggs taped to their opponents' foreheads. Photo by Laura Widmer.

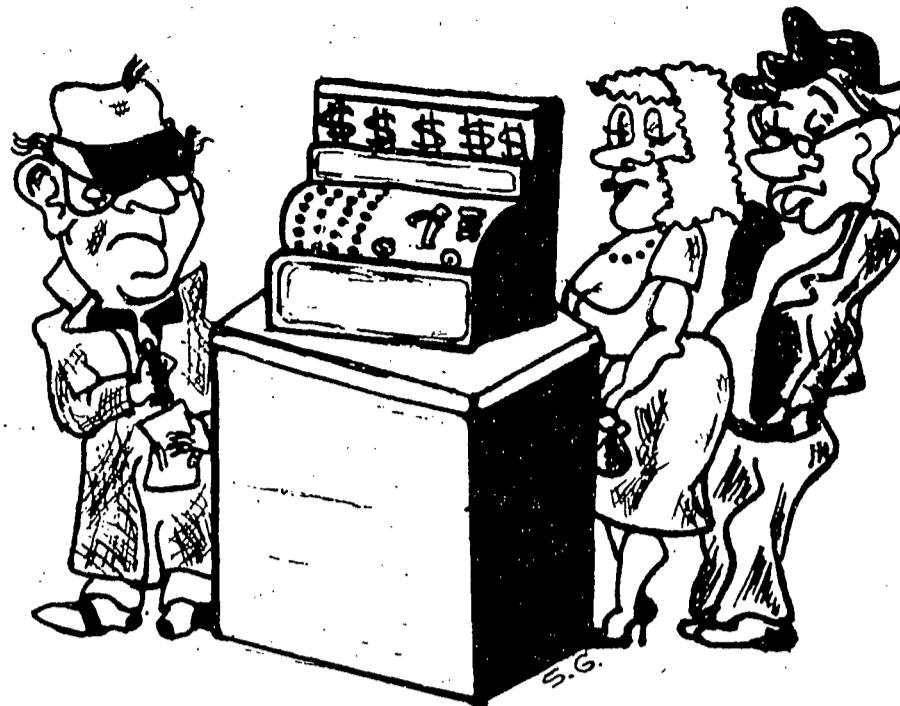


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Closest to campus is the University Student Health Service located in Colbert Hall. Dr. Desmion Dizney staffs the center along with two RN's, a secretary and two student health aides.

Services include diagnosis and treatment of illnesses and injuries, gynecology, weight control, allergy shots, diagnosis of pregnancy and birth control methods.

There is also information and counseling on human sexuality, pregnancy, abortion and related concerns.

There is no cost for services or over-the-counter medications. However, students must pay for tests (e.g. Pap). The cost is between one dollar and two-fifty. Students also pay for prescriptions which must be filled at any drug store.

Should hospitalization be necessary, the student is taken to St. Francis Hospital in Maryville where laboratory and X-ray facilities are available.

Services which St. Francis renders include emergency, outpatient care, pharmacy, surgical, coronary care, dietary consultation, long-time, skilled nurses and gynecology.

The hospital also acts as a dispatcher to the Nodaway County Ambulance service.

For preventative medical care, the Nodaway County Health Center offers a variety of services. Vaccine for tuberculosis is offered with a permit from the students physician.

Once a year, the Center sets up a free diabetes and hypertension screening at various locations throughout the county.

Should a student happen to break his glasses or have a dental problem, there are dentists and optometrists throughout the city. For more information, consult the Maryville phone book.

Management course completed

Twenty-eight persons were awarded certificates symbolizing successful completion of a course in Supervisory Management March 30.

Taught by Robert Findley, assistant professor of business and economics, the non-credit, 10-week course was designed to deal with areas encountered by

individuals involved as first-line supervisors. Students were involved in 30 hours of classwork, meeting twice weekly for one and one-half hours.

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Sports

Bearcats leap into first place

Resting in first place for the first time this season, the Bearcats face Lincoln this weekend for a three-game series.

The 'Cats jumped on top of the standings over the weekend on the strength of a three-game sweep of Missouri-Rolla, which moved them to 6-2 in the conference.

That brought them to a winning percentage of .750, just ahead of Southwest's .667. Percentage will be the determining factor in the loop race.

Leading the Bearcats to the top of the loop are several players. Leading the team to an overall .322 batting average is catcher Bill Sobbe, second in the conference with a .434 average. Right behind Sobbe is outfielder Gary Hinton, with a .359 average. Sobbe also leads the team in doubles, with five, and triples, with two.

Two 'Cats are among the top players in stolen bases. Marty Albertson leads the league with 14 swipes, and Steve Frailey is tied for third in the league with nine.

The team has had strong pitching as well. Tom Franke and David Pfeiffer are both undefeated as starters, going 4-0 and 3-0 so far. Franke is also second in the league in earned run average, with a 1.46 mark, and is followed in the league by reliever Ben Westman, with a 2.08 mark.



Marty Albertson slides into second base in a game against Kansas. The 'Cats have moved into first place in the loop with only two home series left in the season, after dropping two games to Kansas Tuesday. Photo by Jay Liebenguth.

Netmen host three weekend matches

With rackets in hand the Bearcat tennis team will play three dual matches this weekend.

The 'Cats will take a 12-2 record into those duals. They raised their record by defeating Nebraska-Lincoln last Monday by the score of 6-3. Nebraska was one of the teams to defeat the 'Cats this year.

"It's always nice to beat someone who has defeated you," Coach John Byrd said.

The 'Cats will try to avenge their other loss Saturday when they take on Southwest Missouri State University in Warrensburg. They will also have a dual against Central Missouri State University.

Southwest defeated the 'Cats last weekend by the score of 5-2. Only No. 4 and No. 5 singles players, Rudy Zuniga and David May could manage victories for the 'Cats.

Before the Southwest dual the 'Cats had easy victories over Missouri-Rolla (9-0) and Evangel (8-1).

In action Monday the 'Cats swept the first five singles matches. Biodun Odunsi raised his singles record to 12-2 as did Rex Haultain. Mondelo Aadum pushed his

record to 10-4 while Zuniga moved his to 9-2. May maintained his perfect record against Nebraska. May now is 14-0 for the spring.

In other weekend action the 'Cats will take on Central of Iowa at 10:30 on the 'Cats home courts.

Next Tuesday the 'Cats will play their final dual match of the year against Baker. Coach Byrd expects the later portion of the season to be the hardest.

"These last few duals will be our toughest part of the season," he said.

After the Baker dual the 'Cats will travel to Rolla for the MIAA championships. According to Byrd the 'Cats will compete with Southwest, Southeast and Northeast for the title.

But to be prepared for the conference meet the 'Cats will have to get some practice in, a difficult request due to the bad weather.

"The weather has slowed us up some and has been a factor in some of our matches. We must have a nice week so we can get in some practice for the tournament," Byrd said.

'Kittens headed for state tourney

The softball Bearkittens, trying to win their first state championship since 1975, will be the second-seeded club in this weekend's MAIAW Tournament at Springfield.

The Bearkittens, runners up to Tarkio at Springfield in '76 and third placers to champion Tarkio and Missouri-Columbia at Maryville in '77, will take a 12-12 record and an 8-0 mark against Show Me State competition into the Meador Park event slated for Thursday through Saturday with Sunday as a rain date.

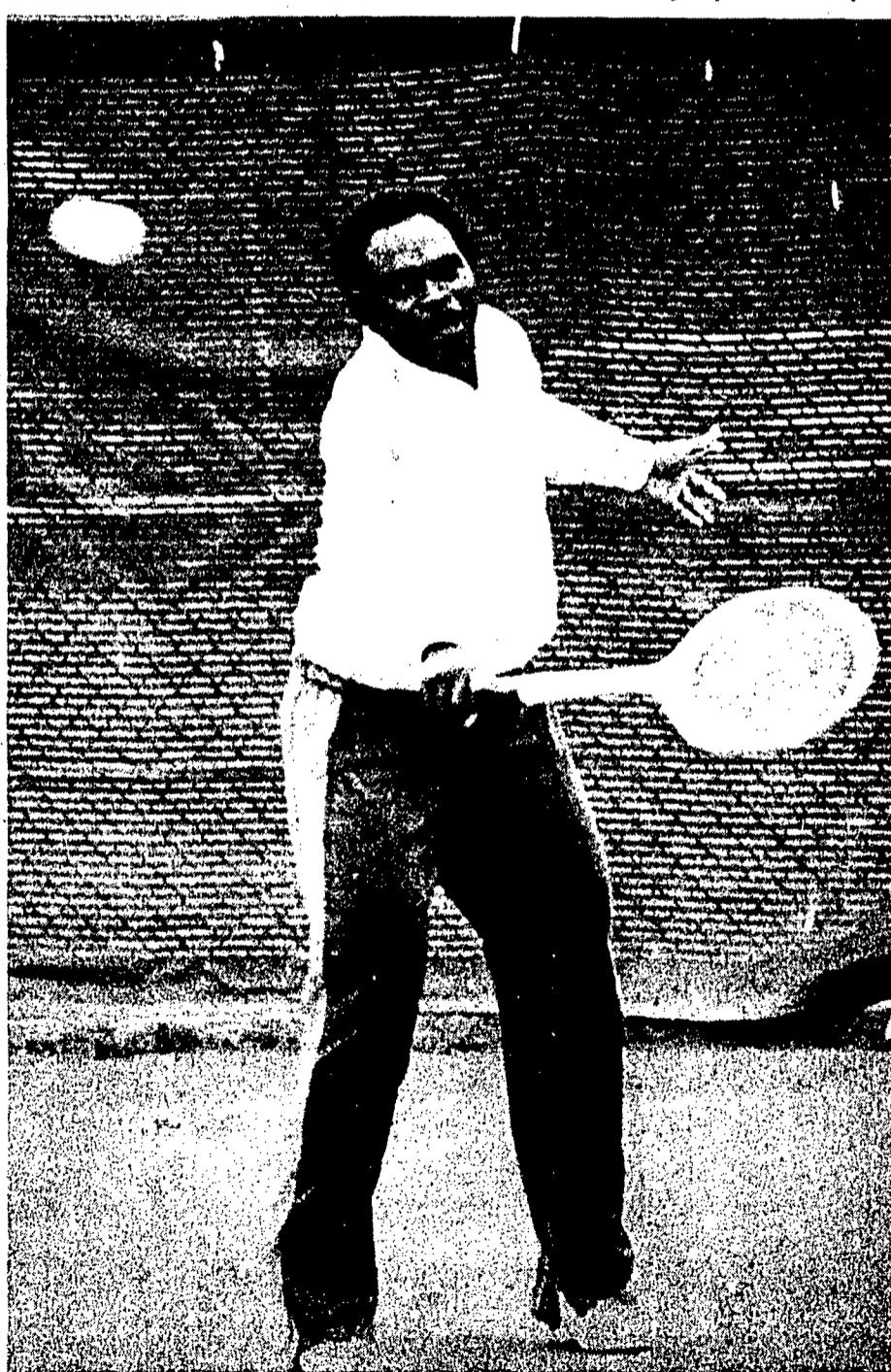
Coach John Poulson's team, winners of 11 of 17 games since stumbling through a season-starting Texas swing at 1-6 with several key players missing, is slated to begin play in the 12-team double

elimination event Thursday against William Woods (12-4)-Southwest Baptist (12-10) winner.

The 'Kittens have tallied 27 runs while limiting their foes to just three tallies in the last four outings. In the process they've raised the team batting average to .232 and lowered the team earned run average to 3.06.

Leading the 'Kittens in hitting is outfielder Janet Cooksey, with a .432 average. She is followed by shortstop Mary McCord, with a .338 average, in addition to leading the team in runs with 21.

Heading the mound corps are Sheryl Worster, with a 5-2 record to go with a 2.09 ERA.



Biodun Odunsi returns a backhand during a match. Odunsi and his teammates will host three matches this weekend. Photo by Dave Gieseke.



Keith Youngblood sprints for the finish line. Youngblood has had a successful season so far, and is pointing toward a shot at the nationals. Photo by Jay Liebenguth.

Youngblood strives for nationals

Dave Gieseke

He's just a freshman, but Keith Youngblood is no stranger to records and honors. Now he's striving to compete in College track's highest meet-the nationals.

To earn his way to nationals, Youngblood must lower his time in the 400-intermediate hurdles from 54.2 to 53.5. Seven tenths of a second means longer strides, but Youngblood thinks he can do it.

"Right now I figure I should make that time sometime in the conference meet," Youngblood said.

If Youngblood should reach the time needed, he could add this achievement to others he has received in his track career. Already he has set a total of four school records. Besides the 400-intermediate hurdles, Youngblood also holds the school mark in the 110-high hurdles, the 600-yard run and the 220-intermediate hurdles. The

latter two came during the indoor season.

"When I came here, I thought I might have a shot at two of the records but not all four. I just hope I continue to run as well in the future," he said.

Youngblood primed his skills at Benson High School in Omaha, NE, before coming to NWMSU. While in high school he garnered such honors as being selected All-America and All-Metro.

While he pushes his way to nationals, Youngblood might make the way a little easier. Of all the events he runs in, the 400-intermediate hurdles is his favorite.

"Right now it's my favorite mainly because I'm doing so well in it," he said.

With the conference meet coming up, Youngblood hopes to take conference in the 400-intermediate hurdles.

"I at least want to place in the top three in all my events," he said.

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On the sidelines

Dale Gard

Nearly one month into the season, the Royals have maintained the best record in baseball. And they haven't even played that well.

True, they must have played well enough in order to post a record such as theirs, but they have yet to put it completely together. There have been several mental errors through the young season and fielding errors have been a part of their game at times.

Compounded with this is that the hitting hasn't been that strong. Even though Al Cowens is off to another good year, and Amos Otis and Darrell Porter are having good starts, several players have had trouble getting untracked. George Brett and Clint Hurdle are lingering in the mid-200's, and Willie Wilson has had his hitting problems.

In a way, though, this is all encouraging. As the season gets older, we can expect the fielding errors to go away, and the mental errors to disappear. And players like Brett will start hitting pretty soon. What the Royals are showing us now is that they know how to win, and that they can find more than one way to pull out a win, regardless of whether they play well or not.

This is a pleasant thought, and will mean even more when playoff time rolls around.

Golfers hope for better weather, good playing in conference meet

In the past two weeks Mother Nature has not been kind to the linksmen of NWMSU.

Last Monday she washed out the 'Cats' only home golf match of the year against William Jewell and Graceland. According to Coach Bob Gregory the grounds were too wet.

"The course is just too wet," Gregory said. "We have had so much wet weather we haven't been able to practice. In fact, I can't remember when we've last been able to practice."

"Our performance was definitely hurt by our lack of practice," Gregory said.

"All of our guys shot in the '80's. We're just not going to win when we shoot in the '80's," he continued.

This Friday the 'Cats will travel to Lamoni, IA, to take on Graceland in a dual match. After this match the 'Cats will only have one more tournament this year, that being the MIAA Tournament held in Blue Springs.

According to Gregory, Central Missouri

State, Rolla and Southwest Missouri State will be the teams to beat. Presently Gregory is hoping the 'Cats will finish fourth but thinks they can finish as high as third. Only five MIAA teams are participating.

"To finish third we're going to have to play a lot better than we have been. We're going to have to shoot real good to catch up with those three teams," Gregory said.

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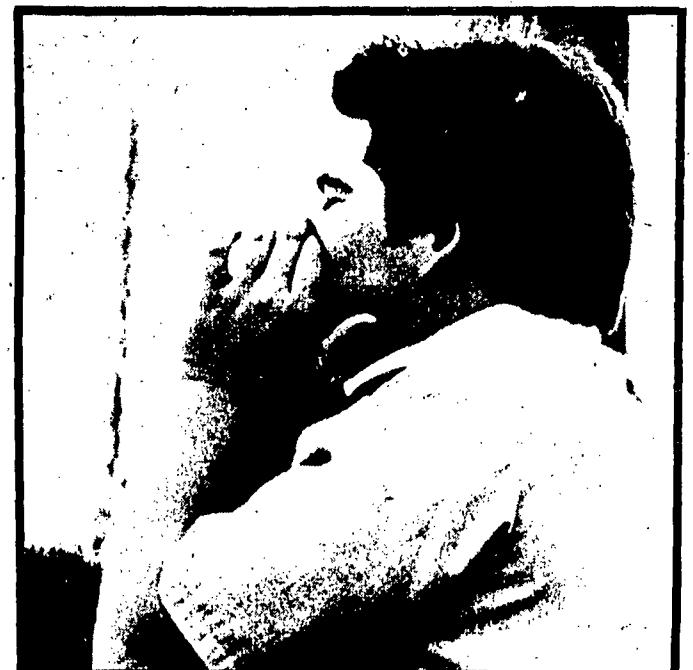
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Bleacher Bums batter opponents



Kathy Bovaird

Baseball, bleacher bums and beer -- what a combination! It's part of the game at Wrigley Field and Bearcat Field alike.

But who are Bleacher Bums and what makes them tick? On this campus they are a group of students, mostly male, who cheer, jeer, harass and tease. They like to watch baseball, and some of them like to sneak in a little beer. They are diverse and imaginative. They cheer when a foul ball hits a parked car and moan when it misses.

They shout obscenities sometimes, but more often they stick to friendly insults about men on the diamond.

"Hey, Andy, (Kansas University catcher), wheredja buy that arm? K-Mart?" ribbed one Bum at a recent game.

"No, Gibson's is cheaper!" answered another.

The Bums aren't racist. They pick on everyone--umpire or player, black or white.

Does it bother the victims? Apparently not.

"It's good for college baseball for the fans to come and enjoy the game," said Umpire Don Rhodes. "Sometimes they get a little vicious, but it's all a part of the game."

"Sometimes you have to laugh when they get off a good one," agreed Umpire Dick Hunt.

The Bleacher Bums sit on the bleachers directly behind the visiting team's on-deck circle. Often the players being taunted turn around and smile or return the banter.

"They're a part of the game," said Hal Jeffcoat, Baker University coach. "I wish we had them at our home park."

One other service the Bums provide is entertainment of the other fans in the stands. Many times after a particularly original cheer, the rest of the crowd will laugh or cheer along with the Bums.

The Bearcats also have nothing but praise for the Bums. In an earlier Sports Information release second baseman Bill Barton was quoted as saying (about the Bums), "They're great! It makes you want to go out and do something so they'll have something to cheer about."

Bearcat Coach Jim Wasem has also praised them numerous times saying what an advantage they give the Bearcats.

Most importantly, the Bleacher Bums are traditional. Some graduate, but others take their places. This year's season has almost ended for the Bleacher Bums, but you can always bet they'll be back next year.

Photos by Kathy Bovaird and Jay Liebenguth

Letters to the editor

Editor,

It has come to the attention of the residents and staff of Dieterich Hall that intramurals this spring has been non-existent. A case in point is the poorly organized softball program. The first meeting of the intramural committee on the planning of softball was held a week prior to the beginning of the event. This was without prior notification to the hall of the meeting date. At the meeting the committee had made no plans for what days games would be scheduled or where the games would be played.

If the University plans to increase student interest in on-campus life, a comprehensive intramural program should be established to include:

1. an inter-dorm division
2. an independent division
3. a Greek division

It would also be beneficial for the University to acquire a full-time intramural director. His job would be to coordinate intramurals.

The Dieterich Hall staff along with numerous residents organized a hall softball tournament. Over 150 students participated, which represents more than 50 percent of the hall population. The student interest in intramurals is outstanding and creates a unity in dorm life that shouldn't be lost.

I would be more than willing to discuss these ideas with University officials for the upcoming year.

Jeff Karas
Resident Assistant
Dieterich Hall

Dear Editor:

At the end of this semester the non-tenured instructors will be dismissed. I feel this is a very serious flaw on the part of the administration. Much of the deadwood which is in serious need of replacement lies in the tenured instructors.

Name Withheld

Editor's Note: According to Dr. George English, vice president for academic affairs, not only is the accusation that all non-tenured faculty will be released untrue, it is impractical as 30 percent of the total University faculty is composed of non-tenured personnel.

To the Editor:

I'm writing this to warn the students who are thinking of living off campus to beware of these Maryville con artists known as landlords. They are out to cheat the student and take them for everything they can. If this were just happening to me I would let it pass, but this misconduct has also occurred to most off-campus students I talk to.

I have heard of cases of discrimination which I thought were illegal. There are many ways in which these landlords have screwed this student. Below are a few examples.

Many students pay outrageous rent for places where rats and mice wouldn't live. Or have you ever lived in an apartment in the dead of winter for four days without a heater? I know students who have and all because their landlord was too lazy to fix it. That's another basic rule renters will learn--landlords are never around when you need them.

Another trick is the ol' magical rent raiser. When you first rent an establishment, your rent has been set at a

certain fixed price. But as soon as you are moved in and comfortable with nowhere else to go, the rent mysteriously raises. I'm no lawyer, but for some reason I think that this action is illegal.

There is also the "I-think-there-is-some-damage-to-the-apartment-even-though-I-can't-find-any-so-you-lose-your-deposit-trick." Most landlords who require a deposit have no intention of ever giving it back. That's pretty bad when some student renters leave the apartment in better shape than when they moved into it.

I could go on for hours about the dirty tricks that landlords have used to screw the students, but these letters can only be 350 words long. I'm not saying that there aren't any good landlords in Maryville, but you could probably count them on one hand. The way we're going to stop this scandal is to fight back until things are changed. I'll close by saying "good luck" to those students who are going to look for off-campus housing, and bad luck to those Maryville con artist landlords.

Scott Osborn

Dear Editor,

Please spare me space in your widely read journal to break my burning silence on the visit of President Carter to my motherland, Africa.

Years gone by when I was a little elementary school boy way on the coast of that gigantic continent, I was taught the Maccabee's poem whose first verse goes thus:

Let us now praise famous men
And our fathers that begat us
For the Lord hath wroth great glory by them

Through His great power from the beginning.

I'm grateful to the American people for letting this historic visit be a reality, and the only way my praise is due to them is manifested in the above verse.

Many times I have held casual discussions with friends who said emphatically that the presidential visit was motivated by economic negotiations (oil). But I always stand by my values, never to condemn people for their own personal opinions.

At any rate, my perception of the whole is coolly calculated from a political angle of view.

I guess most of us are quite aware of the growing Soviet cum Cuba influence stealthily hanging tentacles over Africa and parts of the globe. But that of Africa I have always toggled as atrocious, alienated and detrimental to peace. But the short visit will thwart that ephemeral communist influence in the land.

But what really urged that Presidential visit? Personally I can say WISDOM! President Carter, as we all have known him for the short time in office, has proved beyond every reasonable doubt to be such an indefatigable worker and a sound thinker, possessed of a fertile mind. He did foresee those curry favors quite obsequious and sycophantic in relationship to Africa from the East which is abnormal.

Such snide relations from the so-called "Reds" are baseless and without principle and form if empirically treated hence should be rebutted by Africa outright for the following reasons:

Religion

"Reds" belief and doctrine is based on nothing more than vandalism, thuggery and atrocity--the best ingredients of atheism. This sort of doctrine is not only incompatible to the Western freedom of democracy but also incongruent to human right as a hierarchy of Christianity.

Western educated scholars have been such leaders like Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana, Milton Margai of Sierra Leone, Patrice Lumumba of Zaire, W.V.S. Tubman of Liberia, Tafawa Balewa of Nigeria and Haile Selassie of Ethiopia just to name a few. Also part of this quorum are potentials like (present) Kenneth Kaunda, Dauda Jawara, Joshua Nkomoh, Sese Mobutu, etc. About 99 3/4 percent of all these were educated in mission schools in Africa before acquiring higher education in the U.S.

What have the "Reds" done for Africa? Let me assert with every possible calculated amount of certainty and without being pessimistic that the "Reds" will not do even an infinitesimal worth of improvement. But only to put Africa in an equipoise of perfect throes with their oblique and morbid principles. But what has Africa done to suffer all these? Who is responsible for her problems? BRITAIN! No wonder God divested her of her glories which were in the strength of the then colonies. UBI EST BRITAINIA MAGNUM! DOWN!

But to the President and the American people, to you Africa gives a big hand!

Akapata Gee Goglah [Baonlini]

Dear Editor:

Two current events on campus are very disturbing to me, and I hope many other students will agree with me.

One: What does the \$20 "fee" required of every graduating senior (whether or not they wish to attend the ceremony) go for? The graduates don't even get to keep their caps and gowns, which is contrary to the practice of most other colleges and universities. The graduation fee at most other universities is also much lower. Who absorbs all the money?

Two: Last fall tuition costs were raised again, and all year the "administration" has been complaining about rising costs. But they can afford \$616,000 plus repairs on the administration building, \$50,000 plus on the current president's house and a mammoth trailer (instead of a more modest one) for the current president and his vice president to use as an "office." With expenses like that, it's no wonder campus living costs are going up.

Concerned and Curious

[Name Withheld]

Editor's note: The closest we can come [after calling six separate officers] to breaking down the uses for the \$20 graduation fee is this: \$2 goes for the senior gift and the remaining \$18 is used for miscellaneous expenses such as caps and gowns, the senior breakfast and diplomas.

Dear Editor:

In my three years here at NWMSU, I have seen the campus security go from one extreme to another. I am sure no one will argue that our security system prior to, and including the school year 75-76 needed to be more efficient.

However, since the new "Director," took over there have been several incidents which have indicated to myself and fellow students that perhaps the cure is worse than the symptoms. In my opinion the security force is an incident looking for a place to happen.

During the cancer drive students met at Roberta Hall for instructions and details for collection around the city of Maryville. Anticipating some students would park in front of Roberta, a security officer was

present to ticket the cars on orders "from higher up." It seems to me that since the students were there for a charitable cause and would only be there for a short time, an exception could have been made.

This University is a constantly changing nebulous of opinions, attitudes, and ideals where free thought and liberalism are encouraged. It is the most inappropriate place I can think of to have a segment of the organization feel that things must always be done "by the book, without exception." There are times when going "by the book" is the wrong thing to do. Like kicking a student out of a concert because he committed a violent disregard for the law by throwing a frisbee.

There is such a thing as moderation, unknown to the security force, when properly applied can enable individuals to function together in a social atmosphere. We do want to function together, don't we?

Sincerely,
Anthony L. Leffert

Dear Editors:

I have noticed a recent addition of new chairs in a few of my classes. I would like to congratulate the University for their wise investment! It definitely makes it a lot easier for one to sit through a class when he is reasonably comfortable. The chairs even make taking notes easier due to their larger desk-area.

Easier, that is, if one happens to be right-handed. Someone forgot to think of the left-handed students!

The state has laws preventing the University from discriminating against a student's race religion and sex. Does it need a law to prevent it from the discrimination of "lefties"?

The lack of left-handed desks is truly a learning handicap to me and probably anyone else who is "unlucky" enough to be left-handed. If the left-handed students are required to go to class, they should be given an equal opportunity to learn!

Sincerely,
Scott M. Kilpatrick

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Editorial

Student Senate

Let's all stand up and give Student Senate a round of applause...A very short round.

It must be said that this year's Senate had potential to accomplish great things, but somewhere down the road they collided with disillusionment. It could also be said they were all talk and little action.

There are accomplishments to be noted. The five main ones consist of revisions of both the food and housing contracts, extended pool hours, a better phone system being installed, academic reorganization input and building the confidence of the administration in their ability to work constructively on projects.

Gaining administrative confidence is an important plus for Senate. They no longer view Senate as a group of radical students who gripe about every University policy--but change nothing.

But Senate has had their downfalls. The year began with Senators expecting to have the power to change everything they didn't like. When they found this "power" didn't exist, they became disillusioned. Some resigned.

Senate does not have power. They have influence-but no power. They can try to sway administrators to their way of thinking; they can round up student support. But they can not pass an amendment and expect it to be a law. Senators learned this, after the year was almost over.

A lot could have been done this year if the leadership had been right from the beginning. To make an organization work, the leadership needs to be strong, demanding and dedicated. Good leadership didn't come till after the second semester began.

Senators spent too much time discussing little issues. An hour was spent debating whether smoking should be allowed during meetings. A lot of time was spent discussing by-law loopholes, but nothing has ever been done about them. And they talked for hours about the \$3-fee issue which was dragged out until it died.

Nothing concrete was ever proposed about advisement for undecided majors--a campaign promise made by last year's winning party.

Parking problems, another promise, haven't been solved. A committee was working on proposals but seemed to give up. In the meantime, the administration has come up with proposals which may or may not please the students.

As can be seen, there is much room for improvement. Hopefully, next year's Senate will not follow directly in this Senate's footsteps. Next year's Senate should be one where senators aren't disillusioned, where they don't give up in the middle of a project.

Next year, student opinion should be actively sought out and not just asked for. Asking doesn't get a response--seeking out will.

Potential for next year exists. Senate should work on instructor and class evaluations, pass/fail, a more liberalized dorm, parking and the revision of Senate by-laws. Hopefully, Senate's leader will be able to keep them motivated so disillusionment and apathy won't occur.

Union Board

Did you get your money's worth this year?

The Student Union Board budget was \$30,000 this year. They spent \$8000 on films, \$8000 for coffeehouses and speakers, \$10,000 for the concert and \$4000 for miscellaneous expenses including advertising and special events.

Who decided where the money should go?

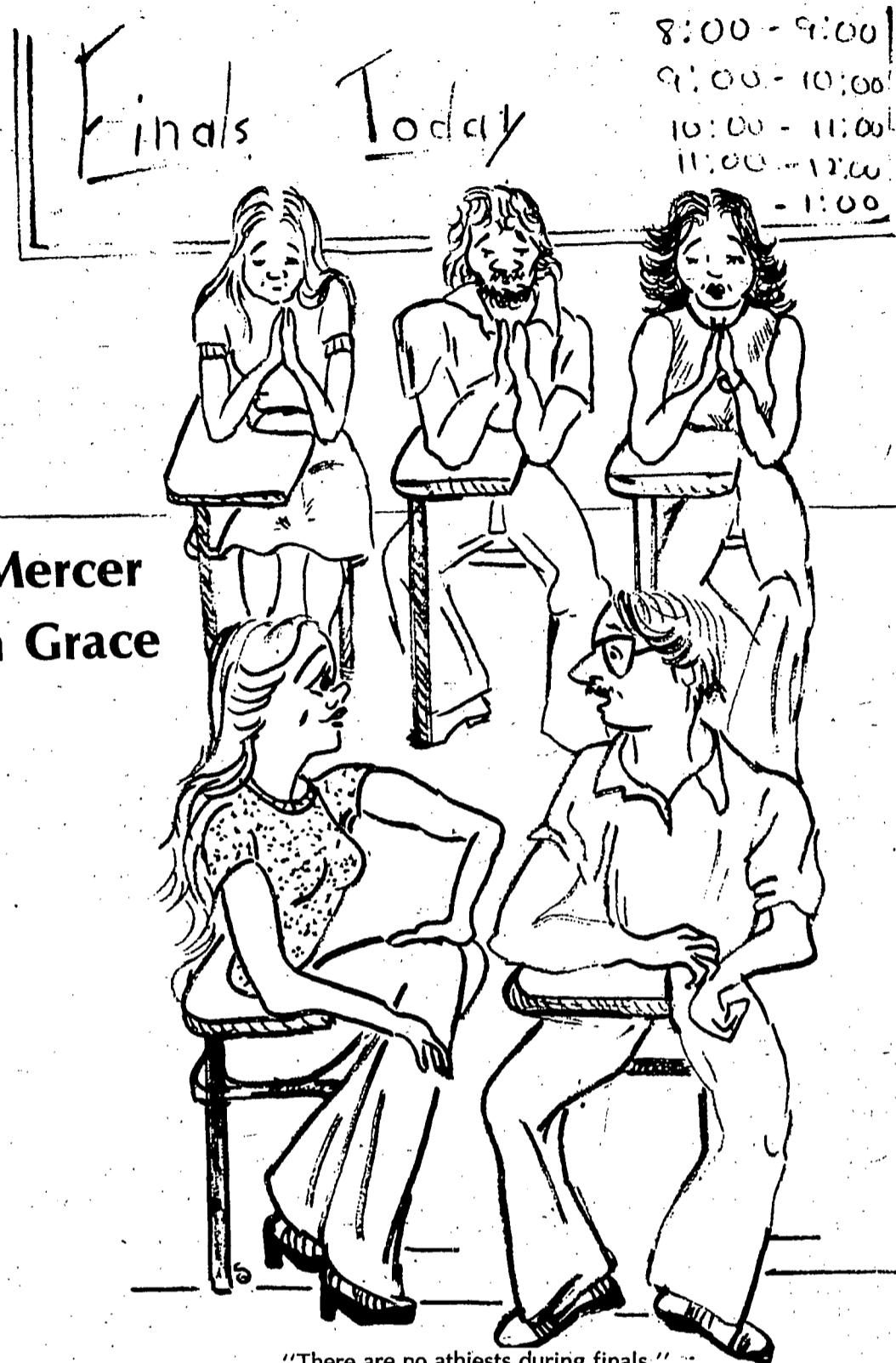
According to Irene Huk, director of student activities and student development, 11 co-chairmen, whose only requirement is a 2.0 GPA and to have been on Union Board for one semester, have the final decision although anyone may join the board and help with the process.

So did you get your money's worth? Some have commented that some events like coffeehouses and bands who played on Wednesday nights were poorly attended. Some have also seen a slackening of participation in Joe Toker Daze.

Is it possible these activities are wearing thin their tradition? Or is it also possible the suitcases are ready to stay on some weekends to have fun when they are busy Wednesday nights?

Maybe we need some new ideas--hopefully next year's Union Board won't be afraid to try.

By Mercer
with Grace



"There are no atheists during finals."

The Stroller

It was a warm and sunny day, your Stroller discovered as he rubbed the sleep from his baby blues.

Glancing at the digital sitting amid paper cups, dirty dishes and empty bottles and cans, your never-to-be-Rhodes-scholar realized he had time to make his one o'clock (if he hurried).

Dashing into the classroom just as the instructor was beginning the lecture, you Stroller heard, "...final...next Thursday."

"Good gosh!" your campus carouser thought with a start, "can this be April already?!" Where had the year gone?

The fall, your Stroller recalled vaguely, was muddy football games and parties. And he seemed to almost be able to picture a coronation of sorts.

Focusing on the people he recalled, there was some big bozo with an umbrella, an ashen-faced little old lady with cane and purse flying and the angry, red-face of his chemistry professor with bits of chicken manure all over.

He remembered passing a few of his classes and passing out at a party or two.

Bounding further along memory lane, your Stroller remembered at least one basketball game he didn't sleep through and two blizzards he wished he had.

Walking back to the dorm, your Stroller, still in a

daze, wondered where he had thrown his battery-operated, heater socks. Head in clouds and eyes on a scantily clad co-ed, your campus hero didn't see the huge pothole in the parking lot. The next instant he found himself looking up sideways at a bright face he had seen somewhere before saying. "Walk much or just read about it?"

Picking himself up again, your Stroller continued his reminiscing. He thought about all the time he had spent one morning sitting at the Health Center with 20 other students waiting to see someone about his congestion and sore throat.

And he remembered the day spring finally did hit campus and how he celebrated by not going to any of his classes for three days straight.

Back in his room, your Stroller began digging through a pile of papers and books. (One must find his textbooks at least one week before finals if one ever hopes to pass, you know.)

After digging out a history book and four overdue library books, your campus hero suddenly found it! The reminder of heartache and sorrow and wounded pride. The geography text which had led him down the primrose path of romance and lustful thoughts.

Geography. Gosh, he hadn't thought about her for weeks. It had been a long time since he'd been in that class.

Still daydreaming a little, your hero headed for the cafeteria and the reality liver and onions. "I guess it was a good year," he sighed.